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Phone Torrance 444 or 443 for details about wedding announcements or stationery.

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Phone Service Geared to Meet Demands of War

Details of the precedent shattering year 1943, in which telephone service was geared to meet the enormous acceleration of war activities and industrialization on the Pacific Coast, are related in the annual report to shareholders of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, just issued by N. R. Powley, president. Powley is also president of the Southern California Telephone Company, a subsidiary.

The number of company owned and operated telephones passed the two and one-half million mark in July, 1943, totaling at the end of the year 2,568,432. In a period of about three and one-half years, the net increase has amounted to 568,432 telephones. The first million was reached in 1923, 46 years after telephone service was established on the Pacific Coast, and the second million was reached in 1940.

Proceeding at a rapidly accelerated pace until retarded by restrictions on the use of materials, the net increase for the year was 187,002 telephones, the largest increase recorded in one year in the history of the company. There were at the end of the year 77,100 unfiled applications for main telephones and additional lines and 16,800 unfiled applications for other items.

Operating taxes continued to rise in 1943, reaching a total of \$47,445,170, an increase of \$13,034,224, or 38 percent over 1942. Total operating taxes took 65 cents of each dollar of net operating revenue and were equivalent to \$19.28 per common share or nearly three times the earnings per common share. Expressed in relation to the average number of telephones in service in 1943, the taxes were equivalent to \$19.07 per telephone, or \$1.59 per telephone per month. Two years ago they were equivalent to \$5.55 per common share and to \$6.98 per telephone per year or 58 cents per telephone per month. Wages constituted the largest item of cost of rendering telephone service.

Shoe Stamp to Expire April 30

The Office of Price Administration has announced that it is expected that shoe rationing will continue indefinitely on the basis of two pairs yearly to each person and advised that stamp No. 18 in ration book 1 will be invalid after April 30, while airplane stamp No. 1 in book No. 3, valid currently with stamp 18, will wrap a new stamp, number and book yet to be decided, valid on May 1. Expiration date of the airplane stamp No. 1 is yet indefinite.

If You Haven't Used Stamp 18, Do So Now

If you haven't used shoe stamp No. 18 in ration book 1 you have until April 30 before it expires. As soon as stamp 18 expires, the OPA will validate another shoe stamp on May 1 to be good indefinitely. Meantime airplane stamp No. 1 in ration book 3, which is good now, will continue to be valid indefinitely, running concurrently with the new stamp to be validated May 1. This will make the fourth shoe stamp since rationing started a year ago February.

For wedding announcements, stationery and all kinds of commercial printing, phone Torrance 444 or 443 and get details.

U. S. Authorities Hot on Trail Of 'Black Market' Gas Operators

A pawnshop operator who served as a wholesale distributor for black market gasoline coupons, two peddlers of coupons who got their stock by persuading a 15-year-old boy to steal "T" coupons from his father, a dealer who sold gasoline without collecting coupons at 42 1/2 cents a gallon and bought stolen and counterfeit coupons to replenish his supply—these are typical of the men who robbed our automobiles, tractors, trucks and buses of 75 million gallons of gasoline during January, Frank S. Balthis, Jr., OPA district head for eight Southern California counties said today.

"To stop this misappropriation of our critical gasoline supply, to protect the share of the legitimate consumer against drivers who use any means to get more than their share and to protect honest dealers against competitors who increase their business by sales on illegal coupons or sales without coupons," Balthis said, "OPA has mobilized an all-out enforcement drive."

Twenty-Two Arrests
"An analysis of the 22 criminal cases instituted during January under the gasoline rationing regulations uncovers the pattern of operations against which the fight is being waged. The most typical black market picture is that of the filling station that sells gasoline without coupons, then buys coupons to cover the sales. Since a dealer cannot replenish his inventory without presenting coupons to his supplier, operators who have chosen this method to make money at the expense of their competitors and the public form the largest market for the vendor of stolen and counterfeit ration currency. Twenty-four of the January cases were brought against such dealers."

"Typical of these is the dealer who charged 42 1/2 cents for his gasoline. When questioned about his sales without coupons, he admitted that he had bought both stolen and counterfeit coupons to make up for these sales. He had made 15 or 20 purchases of coupons, he said, in amounts varying from 300 to 1,000 gallons worth."

In another case, OPA investigators were making a routine check of coupons deposited in a ration bank when they found 852 counterfeit coupons, out of a total of 1,120 coupons of all kinds, on the coupon sheets bearing the name of a certain filling station. The sheets of coupons were those which the dealer had turned over to his distributor when he bought gasoline to replenish the stock he had sold. The distributor, in turn, had deposited the coupon sheets collected from all his retail outlets with the bank that handled his ration bank account.

It is at these ration banks, the last stage in the flowback of ration currency before it is destroyed, that OPA's inspectors watch most closely for irregular coupons. When counterfeits, or other suspicious coupons, turn up among the bank's deposits, they are traced to the filling stations from which they came as a first step toward finding how they got into circulation.

Fictitious Names
In this case, a check of the license numbers written on the false coupons showed that some are fictitious and that others were those of motorists who had not bought gasoline at that station. With the fact of forgery established, it became apparent

Awaits Orders



After nearly 20 years with the Chicago White Sox, Marine Capt. Theodore A. "Ted" Lyons, 43, of Vinton, Ia., one of baseball's greatest hitters, now is doing his pitching with the Marine Corps. He is now stationed at Marine Corps Air Depot, Miramar, Calif., awaiting assignment to an aviation unit in the South Pacific.

Strip Tickets Seen as Blow To Gas Pirates

Members of the rationing board in Torrance, with headquarters at 2300 Carson st., have expressed the belief that the issuance of numbered gasoline strips—on the order of theatre tickets—which was begun last Wednesday will deal a deadly blow to black marketing and trafficking in counterfeit coupons.

According to Frank Daniels, chief clerk of the board, the coupons announced for release are of the B-3 and C-3 series for ordinary civilian use and the W-1 and R-1 for issuance to non-highway users. Daniels emphasized that the strip-type tickets will not be issued to motorists until their supplies of the current series are all used.

Meanwhile, however, license numbers on the face of the coupons exchanged for gasoline will permit tracing of the counterfeits.

Daniels advised that Leo F. Gentner, regional OPA head at San Francisco, had quoted secret service agents there as saying that 650,000 counterfeit C-2 coupons of the series now in use had been found in the home of Russell Youmans in the Bay City.

Youmans and three other San Francisco men involved in recent arrests were charged with conspiracy, it was reported. Gentner also repeated a warning from Capt. Thomas B. Foster of the secret service in San Francisco that use of the counterfeit coupons is treason and that persons knowingly involved in such transactions are liable to prison sentences.

Continued operation of the black market counterfeit ring on its present scale would endanger the entire gasoline rationing system, both regional and district, officials agree.

The dealer who cashed them are all under indictment.

OPA Changes Method of Issuing 'E' and 'R' Gas Ration Coupons

Starting last week, local war price and ration boards were authorized by the Office of Price Administration to change their working methods in issuing the "E" and "R" gasoline coupons which go to farm users for non-highway vehicles. This was announced by Paul Barksdale d'Orr, OPA ration chief for eight Southern California counties.

"Under the new system, the boards can use their discretion as to whether they will issue these 'E' and 'R' coupons on a six-months' need basis, as has been the practice in the past, or release them in installments," says d'Orr. "There is a double advantage on the installment plan—a closer control which will help control black markets and release of the farmers from the necessity of guessing so far ahead as to their non-highway needs."

"Farm gasoline requirements are naturally dependent upon the weather and past experience has shown that requests planned to serve the whole six months were often greater than the actual needs. The over-issuance of gasoline here has been one black market factor, since many

AFFECTS STEERING

Faulty front wheel alignment is condemned largely on the ground that it results in abnormal tire wear. There is no questioning the accuracy of the charge, states the public service department of the National Automobile Club, but it should be remembered that this deficiency also means harder steering. Check the wheels the next time the car is difficult to turn.

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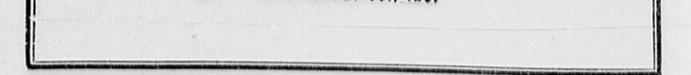
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